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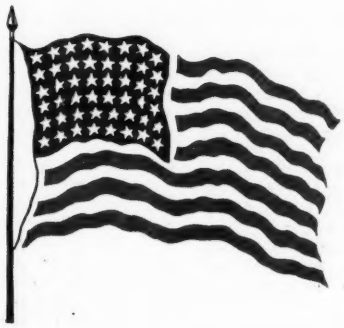

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A REVIVAL OF CHRISTIAN PATRIOTISM

Raymond T. Richey, in Huge Red, White and Blue Tent, Carries Gospel Message to Army Camps

SOUNDING A CALL TO PRAYER, while declaring the first line of America's defense should be the spiritual life of the people, Raymond T. Richey, widely-known evangelist, of Houston, Texas, is attracting large audiences in a nation-wide revival campaign. His services are conducted in an 80x150-foot red, white and blue tent, pitched on the edge of Army Training centers. The Texas prayer Crusader, a camp Pastor in the first World War, is making a special bid for the interest of all service men, emphasizing the patriotic theme in all his meetings. His attractive big top, said to be the only one of its kind in the Country, is the revivalist's own idea, and was built especially for him at a cost of about $3,000. Free-will offerings paid for the tent, and free-will offerings keep it going.

Hundreds of red, white and blue placards for window display, and tens of thousands of small red, white and blue cards for general distribution, advertise each meeting as a "Christian patriotic revival." Co-operation of morale officers, camp chaplains and others in authority is sought, and almost invariably received. Mr. Richey is a frequent visitor in the camp near which he preaches, spending much time in Station Hospitals. It is a real thrill to go into the wards and observe the Evangelist engaged in his gentle ministry among our soldier boys. Usually these visits terminate in a short, sweet prayer and praise service, in which many of the trainees join. I have watched this scene enacted over and over again from Key West to San Diego, among the sailors and marines, and from Camp Blanding (Starke, Fla.) to Camp Robinson (Little Rock), to Camp San Luis Obispo, on the Pacific Coast.

The Richey ministry is national in scope, embracing evangelistic services, prayer meetings, hospital visitation, tract distribution, radio broadcasts, and newspaper publicity. Mr. Richey launched his 1941 campaign in Jacksonville, Fla. Coincidentally, he will start his 1942 campaign in Florida, to whose sunshine and azure skies he has trekked for 17 straight winters, to preach the Gospel to the tourists. He plans to conduct a meeting at every Army Training center in the State this Winter and Spring. It is his purpose to carry this ministry to every branch of the service—soldiers, sailors and marines, and to the Wings. Around the huge red, white and blue tent-tabernacle will revolve other meetings—some in tents, others in tabernacles; still others in auditoriums, while others will be carried right into the camps. "Using our big red, white and blue tent as a hub, we are trying to reach out in this Gospel campaign to our soldiers, and *will go just as far as our funds permit.*" Mr. Richey says.

— Fred A. Richey

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Christ Or Catastrophe

THE lowest moral and spiritual sag of American history occurred during the latter part of the eighteenth century. Then, with the beginning of the nineteenth century, a sudden rebound took place. The story of this change, is one of the most fascinating and romantic records, ever penned in the annals of orderly government.

The Christian public is especially indebted to Dr. Arthur B. Strickland for a painstaking review of events in that period of American life.

Even a casual study of early history in the new world, must impress one with the fact that spiritual awakenings played a major part in the establishment and preservation of law, order and human liberty. It would be correct to say that the United States was practically born in a revival meeting.

THE GREAT AWAKENING

The first settlers were searching for a place where God might be worshipped according to the dictates of conscience. These people had been pulled through the white fires of persecution for participating in the Puritan revival of England and the Pietist revival of continental Europe. Driven from pillar to post, they preferred life in wild and undeveloped areas rather than extinguish the holy flame kindled in their hearts by religious experience.

With the passing of years, Colonies were organized, Churches were built and schools established. Population increased. The soil was productive. Hardship was followed by comparative ease and prosperity. Then spiritual life began to wane. Children drifted far from the ideals of those who had gone before. There was a dangerous decline in colonial life.

Finally, a great religious revival swept along the Atlantic seaboard, reaching its crest about the middle of the eighteeenth century. Flames generated by the Wesleyan revival in England, leaped across the Atlantic, and called people on this side of the ocean back to God. The release of new spiritual forces during this period is called by historians, "The Great Awakening."

Dr. Strickland says: "The Great Awakening took the diverse and disunited colonies and gave them a spiritual unity, without which political union never could have been secured. George Whitefield, in his evangelistic labors in all the colonies and among their various religious groups, paved the way for the political union which came in the decade following his death. He is the spiritual father of the American Republic. The Great Awakening in the middle of the eighteenth century became a vital factor in the making of our nation."

THE GREAT DECLINE

Within a quarter of a century the spiritual tide had again receded. With the loss of religious fervor, there was a corresponding decadence in matters pertaining to economics and politics. Every department of life felt the effects. It was as if a dark cloud had settled upon the people.

Voltaire was spewing his vomit upon the French nation. The Bolingbroke philosophy was polluting the soul of England. Thomas Jefferson, back from France and elected President, was making a powerful contribution to the forces of infidelity in the United States. Thomas Paine was likewise belching molten lava.

Paine came to the United States from England. His most powerful polemic was the book, "Age of Reason." He said: "I have gone through the Bible as a man would go through the wood with an ax and felled the trees. Here they lie and the priests may replant them, but they will never grow."

McMaster's "History of the People of the United States," makes this appraisal of Paine — a man who caused poison to fester in the soul of America during the period of the Great Decline: "We doubt whether any name in our Revolutionary history, not excepting that of Benedict Arnold, is quite so odious as the name of Thomas Paine. Arnold was a traitor, Paine was an infidel. He was one of the most remarkable men of his time. It would be difficult to find anywhere such a compound of baseness and nobleness, of goodness and badness, of greatness and littleness, of so powerful a mind left unbalanced and led astray by the worst of animal passions. Of all the human kind, he is the filthiest and the nastiest, and his disgusting habits grew upon him with his years. In his old age, when the frugal gifts of two states, which remembered his good work, placed him beyond immediate want, he was a sight to behold. It was rare that he was sober; it was still rarer that he washed himself, and he suffered his nails to grow till, in the language of the one who knew him well, they resembled the claws of birds. What gratitude was, he did not know."

As for Voltaire, he said the Bible was destined to pass into "the limbo of forgotten literature." Today the Bible remains the most widely read and loved Book in the world. Voltaire's home later became a storeroom where Bibles, in large quantities, were kept and sold.

THE MORAL BREAKDOWN

The story of moral and economic breakdown that characterized the period of spiritual decline, during the latter part of the eighteenth century, is one of the blackest records of American history.

Writing about this evil epoch, in his book, "Christianity in the United States," Dorchester says: "By gibes and jeers corrupting the moral sensibilities, by shining sophistries and soft subtleties of sentiment releasing the moral sense, by specious generalities upon

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personal liberty and freedom of thought sifted into literature, then everywhere eagerly sought for, French infidelity went forth to intoxicate the world with its delicious dreams. Men laughed at the brilliant satanic wit of Voltaire, wept in sympathy with the exquisite romance of Rousseau and stood in wonder, or followed in hesitating thought those master magicians, the Encyclopedists, as they pursued their problem of reconstructing the universe without a God. It summoned to its aid the handmaids of the highest culture; criticism dipped her pen in venom and performed its most destructive service; art chiseled its ideas in marble, traced them in glowing colors upon canvass, and warbled in most entrancing strings; a poetry invested them with charms of the imagination and measure; history became a colored glass and vitiated the testimony of the past; while philosophy degraded herself to the profane vocation of undermining human society with the specious pretense of imagination."

The same writer says: "The last two decades of the eighteenth century were the darkest period spiritually and morally, in the history of American Christianity."

Hatred for the Cause of Jesus Christ during that period, is illustrated by the remark of General Dearborn, Secretary of War in Thomas Jefferson's cabinet, who said, "So long as these temples (churches) stand, we cannot hope for order and good government." On another occasion, he was heard to refer to a place of worship, as a "painted nuisance."

Joel Parker, a contemporary of that period wrote: "We are fast becoming a nation of drunkards. We could ascertain that there were three hundred thousand drunkards in our land, and that from ten to twenty thousand were annually consigned to drunkards' graves. For several years past errors have prevailed in the United States to an astonishing degree. Piety seems to be flying away from our land; religion declined, morality extinguished, vice grew bold, profaneness, revelling, dishonesty and sinful amusements greatly increasing, universalism, infidelity, atheism, scoffing at all serious godliness, contempt for the holy Sabbath, deflections of public worship, omission of family religion and disregard of divine ordinances, have spread in a degree, which calls for tears of grief, threatening in progress to waste all of the most valuable interests of Society."

Infidel centers, not unlike the Jacobin Clubs of France, sprang up on every hand. Concerning them, Dorchester says: "They claim the right to indulge in lasciviousness: and to recreate themselves as their propensities and appetites should dictate. . . . The conduct of the females who associated with this gang was such as to illustrate its practical effect upon them. I shall only say that not one of them could or would pretend to know who was the father of their offspring. Perhaps hell itself could not produce more disgusting objects than were some of them."

Those were days when the inhabitants of the new world stood at the rim of a volcano. For a time, it looked as though law and order might never be restored. George Washington's letters, written during those years, were dark with pessimism. To a friend he wrote, on one occasion, that he saw only the "dark night of anarchy" ahead.

THE AMERICAN RENAISSANCE

Then, the unexpected happened!

The spiritual forces of the Nation were quickened by the power of prayer. A revival of supernatural religion broke out. America was saved.

This awakening, which historians call, "The Great Revival," was precipitated by a small group — a praying minority. Prayer released the power that wrought the change.

Dr. Strickland says: "In common with all historic revivals, prayer preceded The Great Revival. When the hour was darkest, God raised up a praying minority. The need was so great that only a revival of the supernatural could change conditions. This supernatural power, the gift and work of the Holy Spirit, was released through prayer, as on the day of Pentecost and in subsequent revivals."

At the turn of the nineteenth century, the recorded population of the United States was between five and six million. New England was the principal seat of culture and learning. Our western frontiers extended to the Mississippi river.

Exactly 23 men, Elijahs everyone, who had refused to bow the knee to Baal, were responsible for turning the tide. The spark, from which the flame ignited, was a Circular Letter issued by 23 New England preachers, and given general circulation throughout the Country.

At first there was a slight rumble, a small response, like thunder in the distance. The roar gradually increased, growing louder and louder. Professed Christians, long in a state of apathy, began to take their faith seriously, pray earnestly, and search for reality in religious experience. Ministers of the Gospel started preaching with greater zeal, their messages being characterized by increased sincerity and spiritual fervor. Churches, that had been like morgues, for decades, once more became centers of life and activity. Lightning threw out its zig-zag flashes against the darkened background. The heavens opened, and showers began to fall.

A mighty revival, born in prayer, inaugurated by means of a Circular Letter, soon swept the Nation. This awakening turned the tide of national life, banished unbelief, elevated moral standards, stabilized the economic structure, vitalized patriotic sentiments, saved a multitude of souls and created a religious momentum that is felt down to the present hour.

The following quotation from the famous Circular Letter, shows that the thought uppermost in the minds of the signers, was the need of PERSISTENCY IN PRAYER.

Considering the opposition that Christ's Cause was at that time facing, the inertia existing among professing Christians, the animosity built up in the public mind against the clergy, the stench of mass immorality existing in the land, the economic disorders, the political decay, the anarchy, the seeds of destruction transplanted from England and France to American soil — considering these and other things, it must be evident to everyone that this document, issued by 23 farsighted men of God, came as the result of utmost spiritual exertion:

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Everywhere, little bands of Bible-believing folk began praying. No one, like Luther in Germany or Wesley in England, headed the new spiritual movement. The effort was spread over a wide area. The energy, thus generated, found expression wherever there was one or more men and women who believed Gospel truth. It was not long until prayer ascending from sincere hearts, ignited in the form of a veritable conflagration. The flames spread north, south, east and west, and across the Atlantic.

The revival is actually bracketed by church historians, to have taken place between the years 1800 to 1850, but, in reality, its impact was felt far into the twentieth century. Peter Cartwright, Charles G. Finney, Dwight L. Moody, Sam Jones, Reuben A. Torrey, J. Wilbur Chapman, William A. Sunday, and a host of other illustrious souls were direct products of the great spiritual surge that began with 23 men calling a weak and whimpering Church to prayer.

As in the days when Elijah dared to stand against the prophets of Baal, God had a faithful minority who prayed, and PRAYED! until the fire fell.

CHRIST OR CATASTROPHE

Our wonderful Country, so rich in past providential blessings and material resources, is today facing its greatest crisis. True, present problems are different than those of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, but the same elements of unregenerate human nature are basically responsible. Sin is the same. And the remedy for sin is the same. The Gospel has lost none of its potency.

God's arm is not shortened. History is replete with providences being set in motion on behalf of men and nations, who have called upon God in times of stress, suffering and sorrow.

Statesmen of other days have not thought it a sign of weakness to call upon God in times of crisis. On July 9. 1812 James Madison, President of the United States, issued a special Call to Prayer a short time before the British set fire to the Nation's Capital. He said:

"I do therefore recommend the third Thursday in August next as a convenient day to be set apart for the devout purposes of rendering the Sovereign of the Universe and the Benefactor of Mankind the public homage due to His holy attributes; of acknowledging the transgressions which might justly provoke the manifestations of His divine displeasure; of seeking His merciful forgiveness and His assistance in the great duties of repentance and amendment, and especially of offering fervent supplications that in the present season of calamity and war He would take the American people under His peculiar care and protection; that He would guide their public councils, animate their patriotism, and bestow His blessing on their arms; that He would inspire all nations with a love of justice and of concord and with a reverence for the unerring precept of our holy religion to do to others as they would require that others should do to them; and, finally, that, turning the hearts of our enemies from the violence and injustice which sway their councils against us, He would hasten a restoration of the blessings of peace."

During the World War, President Wilson designated Sunday, October 4, 1914, as "a day of prayer and supplication and do request all God-fearing persons to repair on that day to their places of worship there to unite their petitions to Almighty God that, overruling the counsel of men, setting straight the things they can not govern or alter, taking pity on the nations now in the throes of conflict, in His mercy and goodness showing a way where men can see none, He vouchsafe His children healing peace again and restore once more that concord among men and nations without which there can be neither happiness nor true friendship nor any wholesome fruit of toil or thought in the world; praying also to this end that He forgive us our sins, our ignorance of His holy will, our wilfulness and many errors, and lead us in the paths of obedience to places of vision and to thoughts and counsels that purge and make wise."

In luxury, America has grown calloused of soul, corroded of conscience. We have become cold in our spiritual life, flabby in religious observance. Now that the mad dogs of war have been unleashed, creating perilous conditions on every side, let Christians pray that our Country will return to realities, giving God and His Son Christ Jesus, the place in our lives individually and collectively, which They rightly deserve.

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(Supplementing the advertisement on page 2 of this Defender.)

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The Evangelist visited Camp Roberts, near Paso Robles; March Field and Camp Haan, near Riverside; Fort Ord and Moffett Field, near San Francisco. Incidentally, Mr. Richey extended his Texas ministry to include Camp Bowie, at Brownwood, and Good Fellow Flying Field, at San Angelo. He also visited Camp Leonard Wood, Rollo, Mo., Fort Francis E. Warren at Cheyenne, Wyo., Camp Wolton in Texas; Camp Grant, Illinois, and Great Lakes Training Station, Illinois.

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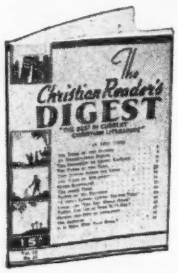

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Behind the turmoil of this dark hour, are evil men. Behind the men, is Satan. In the last analysis, "We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."

The unbelieving skeptic and corroded materialist, will not be able to grasp the importance of this, the most important Call to Prayer, ever issued in the history of our Country. He lacks spiritual capacity. But "children of the light" will understand.

Wicked men may create wars to serve their selfish ends. Innocent people, and the weaker nations, may be compelled to suffer. International conspirators, animated by Satan, may set forces in motion that try the very souls of men. Christians may be persecuted and tortured for their faith. But no physical agency can hinder the creative power of prayer. Satan's lines can be bombed by prayer, resulting in changes for the better in the material world. The child of God knows that PRAYER CHANGES THINGS.

"No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn."

"If two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my father which is in heaven."

The Defender Magazine is glad to cooperate with other Christian publications, Pastors, Evangelists, Bible Teachers and Laymen, in helping to mobilize the spiritual resources of the Nation. The outbreak of hostilities, definitely involving the United States in war, has been accompanied with a sudden, spontaneous movement to bring about the most powerful wave of prayer ever known in American history.

The effort even promises to surpass the famous "Prayer Meeting Revival" which developed in 1857, simultaneously with the money panic of that year. It will be recalled that the Fulton Street noon-day prayer meeting in New York City, became the center from which an outburst of spiritual power went forth to awaken and preserve the Nation.

Speaking of this unique revival, over a coast-to-coast network of radio stations a few weeks ago, the Editor of The Defender explained: "The circle of these prayer gatherings increased, and in a short time a great wave of creative prayer was ascending daily from scores, then hundreds, then thousands, and eventually millions of American hearts. Prayer meetings were organized in every part of the Country. It seemed like everybody, old and young, rich and poor, had suddenly come under the influence of prayer . . . America was saved."

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As these words are written, several thousand Christians have already signed "Prayer Reminder Cards," like the one reproduced in the center of this page. It is estimated that within a remarkably short time, at least ONE MILLION PERSONS, will be definitely organized into a Nation-wide prayer band, praying daily that our beloved America shall be brought into parallel with the plan and purpose of Almighty God — the only safe and secure place of refuge during the storm that is now raging in the world.

When 1,000,000 Christians are thus enrolled, it will mean approximately 500,000 hours of spiritual power released, every time the clock makes a 24-hour circuit. *In union there is strength.* Let every Defender Reader consider this a PERSONAL matter. Sign the pledge at the bottom of this page, mail it to Defenders Headquarters — and discipline yourself rigidly, to be one of the great praying multitude. After the World, War, the Cause of Christ sustained a tragic backwash in the United States. The prying loose of moral standards . . . the wave of Spiritism that accompanied the death of so many human beings . . . the psychosis of hate . . . the sag of interest in Church attendance . . . disregard for the Christian Sabbath . . . the avalanche of doubt, materialism and skepticism — these, and other things, tended to weaken the Christian forces so much that they have never fully recovered. Prior to the World War, great city-wide revivals were being held everywhere. After the World War, evangelistic fervor lost its momentum. Special prayer is needed at this time to fortify Christ's Cause in the world.

Order a quantity of the "Prayer Reminder Cards" from The Defender, or Bible News Flashes, or any other religious magazine that is cooperating in the Crusade — and urge your friends to likewise sign the prayer pledge. (Cards are available at exact cost . . . $1.50 per thousand.) Or, you may have them printed yourself.

Cards can be distributed at public meetings or through personal conversations. When signed, tear at perforated line. Pastors, Evangelists and other Christian Workers may keep the stubs, handling the transaction as a strictly independent matter . . . or forward them to magazines, like The Defender, known to be cooperating. The signer retains the top of the Reminder to be hung on the wall, or carried in purse or wallet.

Prayer was answered at Plymouth Rock. Prayer was answered at Valley Forge. Prayer was answered during the Civil War. Let Christians throughout the length and breadth of the land, call upon the Heavenly Father once more.

"Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the Lord unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." Zechariah 4:6.

Prayer Reminder

Psalm 91

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust. A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee. There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling. For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him.

II Chronicles 7:14

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

James 5:16

The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

Pray fifteen to thirty minutes every day for the U. S. A.

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Challenge of a New Year

WE ARE crossing the threshold of a new year!

During this season, there is one question uppermost in the minds of everyone: What will 1942 bring forth?

Will this year witness the termination of the war that has engulfed the world? Or will it be intensified during the coming months? What major catastrophies will occur? What will be the nature and extent of the sacrifices demanded of the individual citizen? How will Christianity fare in 1942? What will become of foreign missions?

There is one final question that should not be omitted in this review. It is the most important of all! Will 1942 witness the return of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, Who comes as a Bridegroom for His Bride?

Millions of Bible-believing, knee-bending Saints, scattered over the surface of the globe, face the new year with this "blessed hope" quickened in their breast. Never has the expectancy of the Second Coming of Christ been as intense. Many people of spiritual discernment testify to an intuitive feeling — that the Rapture of the Church is not far distant.

A small boy, on a mountain top, was flying a kite. Billowy clouds hung low and the kite was not visible to a man who stood watching the scene. He asked the lad how he knew the kite was still up there . . . and the boy replied: "Mister, I feel the tug of it!"

Christians are feeling a tug, an upward pull; they have a premonition of an impending change.

A Challenge

Time alone can answer our questions. But every student of the Word knows that 1942 is destined to be a year of great prophetic importance. It will be a year of intense suffering and confusion among the nations — thus a year of real challenge to the Cause of Christ in the world.

This challenge will take form in the matter of building spiritual defenses, creating great waves of prayer, and emphasizing the evangelistic and prophetic message. Elsewhere in this Defender, there is discussion on the responsibility of the Church in an hour when the nations are embroiled in armed conflict. (See article on page 3).

We may now look back in retrospect upon 1941. What have we accomplished? Has each one of the 365 days been properly invested in legitimate effort? Have we wasted our time — the most priceless possession we own? As Christians, have we made days, and hours, count in His service? Have we made the sacrifices necessary to propagate the Gospel?

We can now see wherein we might have better served our Master . . . and resolve that we shall meet the challenge of 1942, with all-out effort.

God does nothing without a plan. He is the Master Architect of the Universe. He had a plan before the worlds were framed together . . . and tossed into the dome of heaven. He gave Noah a plan for the Ark. He gave Moses a plan for the Tabernacle. He has a plan for the ages. He has a plan of salvation for the individual.

Success in 1942 depends upon the individual's inclination to find and follow the plan of God for his life.

Three All Important Things

There are three important things that God wishes every unsaved person to know:

1. He needs to be saved. "Except a man be born again, he can not see the kingdom of God." John 3:3. For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way." Isaiah 53:6.

2. He cannot save himself. "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us." Titus 3:5. "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, by by me." John 14:6.

3. Christ has already provided salvation. "Who (Jesus) His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree, that we being, dead to sins, should live unto righteousness." I Peter 2:24.

The scroll for 1941 is sealed and laid aside! The page of a new record is before us. How swiftly the moments will fly! How accurately they will inscribe our every word, our every passing thought, our every deed. How carefully, then, we must walk . . . lest we mar the clear surface of the record, or lest failure bring dark blotches upon the page.

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Questions and Answers on the Constitution

Hon. Hudson De Priest, New York City, New York

1. QUESTION. Who voiced the world's opinion of our Constitution that it is the greatest and noblest legal document ever created by the brain of man?

ANSWER. Prime Minister William Ewart Gladstone of England.

2. QUESTION. Has Great Britain a written Constitution?

ANSWER. No. Great Britain is a monarchy. Theoretically, the King has absolute power, but in practice the Parliament has absolute power. Parliament can pass any law it wishes. True, the King has veto power, but never exercises it.

3. QUESTION. Does the United States Constitution give Congress absolute power?

ANSWER. Absolutely not. It very strictly limits the powers of Congress, setting forth 31 things it can do, and 17 things it positively cannot do. The people are thus protected against oppressive tyranny under which most peoples in the world, past and present, have suffered. Articles 9 and 10 of the Bill of Rights tie a double knot on Congress and the President to prevent them from oppressing the people. (9) "The enumeration in the Constitution of certain rights shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people." (10) "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people."

4. QUESTION. Can Congress add to its own rights and powers without amending the Constitution?

ANSWER. Absolutely not.

5. QUESTION. Can Congress add to the powers of the President without a Constitutional amendment?

ANSWER. Absolutely not.

6. QUESTION. Does the President have, or can he be given the powers of a king or dictator, without first amending the Constitution?

ANSWER. Absolutely not. The President's powers are very limited. They cover only a few lines in the Constitution, which makes him merely a servant of the people, to enforce the Constitution and the laws of the people passed by Congress. All of his important appointments are to be made by, and with the advice and consent of, the Senate. CONGRESS CANNOT LEGALLY ABDICATE! It cannot legally degenerate into the stooge of a ruling oligarchy.

7. QUESTION. Is the President the elected "Leader" of the people or of the government?

ANSWER. No. The word "Leader" is the exact English translation of the German word "Fuehrer" and the Italian word "Duce." Under our Constitution, the President is more of a "follower" — or an "executor." After Congress has passed a law, the President is ordered to enforce it. Only monarchial and autocratic countries have "leaders," kings and dictators.

8. QUESTION. Is the United States a "Constitutional Democracy?"

ANSWER. Absolutely not. The Constitution declares, Article 4, Section 4: "The United States shall guarantee to every State in this Union a Republican form of government." The word Democracy does not appear in the Declaration of Independence, the Articles of Confederation, the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of a single one of the 48 States. The dictionary says the word "Democracy" in the United States, means "the Democratic party." Some well meaning people are confused regarding the proper use of these terms.

9. QUESTION. Did a single one of the founding fathers, in speech or writing, ever imply that Democracy was equal to orderly representative government, under rules imposed by a written Constitution?

ANSWER. Not one — not even Jefferson, who, invariably used the name Republican in referring to our government. They disliked the term "Democracy," and associated it with mob rule, knowing its story of blood, anarchy, despotism and failure throughout recorded history.

10. QUESTION. What is the difference between a "Republic" and a "Democracy?"

ANSWER. A Republic is ruled by the people through representatives; and at the start, and for 125 years thereafter, our intelligent, property-owning classes were represented by a Senate, while the masses were represented by a House of Representatives. In a democracy the uninformed majority rules, and, generally, in less than a quarter of a century, lines up behind some demagogue, who turns the government into a despotism. It was only 20 years after the Seventeenth Amendment weakened the Senate that the New Dealers came to power.

11. QUESTION. In what year did the United States pass from a Republic to a partial Democracy?

ANSWER. There were two steps: (1) in 1832, when the first political national convention was held emasculating the Electoral College, and (2) in 1912, when the Seventeenth Amendment was adopted, taking away representation from the better informed minority. This radical Amendment gave to the less informed masses, majority power, and made the Country susceptible to demagoguery.

12. QUESTION. Is England a Democracy?

ANSWER. Absolutely not. It is a limited monarchy with some republican, representative principles. The English upper classes have an equal or greater voice in running the government, than have the less informed classes. Hence England has stayed away from destructive radicalism. England has endured for centuries — because it was not a Democracy. If it had been a Democracy, the Empire would have been dead long ago.

13. QUESTION. Why did the founding fathers object to Democracy?

ANSWER. Because under a Democracy a minority has no rights which the majority is bound to respect. Fifty-one morons can put 49 scientists, inventors and farmers in jail or toss them out of the window. Democracy means majority rule — with disregard for minority groups — and that means the rule of the less intelligent. THERE IS NOT, NOR EVER HAS BEEN, A

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COUNTRY ON THIS EARTH IN WHICH THE LESS INTELLIGENT DID NOT OUTNUMBER THE MORE INTELLIGENT.

14. QUESTION. What did President James Madison think of Democracy?

ANSWER. "Pure Democracies," said Madison, "have ever been the scenes of turbulence and contention, have ever been found incompatible with personal security or rights of property." *(The Federalist,* November, 1787).

15. QUESTION. Who was James Madison?

ANSWER. He was the chief writer of the Constitution, assisted mainly by George Washington, Benjamin Franklin and Alexander Hamilton.

16. QUESTION. Did any Englishman ever at any time prior to April 1917, refer to his Country as a Democracy?

ANSWER. No. This word was first used during the World War by Woodrow Wilson, after the English had been fighting two and one-half years, for slogan purposes.

17. QUESTION. Who said in a public speech: "England is not, never has been, and, I venture to predict, never will be — a Democracy. It has always been an oligarchy, and we have only broadened the base of our oligarchy?"

ANSWER. Anthony Eden, British cabinet minister.

18. QUESTION. For what purpose was our Constitution created?

ANSWER. "In order to form a more (nearly) perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquillity, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity." *Preamble.* Our forefathers fought for these things, chiefly for liberty. Patrick Henry said, "Give me liberty or give me death." Thomas Jefferson said that tyrannical majority, or its Congress, could be as great a despot as any autocrat.

19. QUESTION. Can the President or Congress suspend all or any part of the Constitution in time of war?

ANSWER. Absolutely not. This has been decided by the Supreme Court, notably during the Civil War, when the Judiciary stated that the Constitution reigned supreme at all times. Once destroyed, the Constitution and the liberties of the people may be gone for a thousand years. Rome was once a Republic. Nearly two thousand years passed, and the Roman Republic never came back. Before Christ, dozens of little Republics sprang up around the Mediterranean; all are dead. All were destroyed by usurping demagogues, who lulled the masses into giving up their liberties. Isn't that what happened twice in France, under the two Napoleons?

20. QUESTION. What percentage of the American people could take an examination on the Constitution and get a passing grade of 70?

ANSWER. Not more than five per cent, possibly less than two per cent. This is sad.

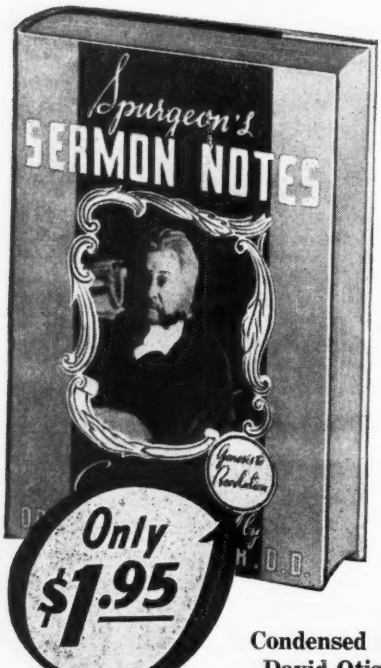
21. QUESTION. What is the greatest danger to a Republic?

ANSWER. According to the late Supreme Court Justice Brandeis: "An inert citizenship."

22. QUESTION. To which of the following — the President, the Government, the Congress, the Constitution, or the Country — does an American citizen owe his chief loyalty or allegiance?

ANSWER. To the Constitution; because without it, we would have no liberty; we might be exploited and ruined. Of course, good citizens owe allegiance to the Country, right or wrong.

23. QUESTION. Do the people owe any allegiance to the President or to Congress?



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ANSWER. No. Only a reasonable respect; it is the President and Congress who owe allegiance to the people — not the reverse.

24. QUESTION. Is the President our ruler?

ANSWER. Positively not. For an Executive to attempt to rule is an usurpation and an impeachable action. Many have the idea that a President is a sort of elected king or despot, to whom the people owe allegiance, and that to express criticism of him is treasonable disloyalty. This is an European idea, which has apparently expanded to our Country in recent years.

25. QUESTION. The greatest war President of our past history was the object of both adoration and hatred. One man wrote of him, "He is the enemy of the people." What did the Supreme Court say of this statement?

ANSWER. The Supreme Court regretted the statement, but affirmed the man's Constitutional right to say it, and the inalienable right of every citizen to criticize any official, elected or appointed, from the highest to the lowest.

26. QUESTION. What is the chief part of the oath required of the President.

ANSWER. "To preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States."

27. QUESTION. Suppose a President shows himself to be a violator of the Constitution, what is the duty of a Congressman and every citizen?

ANSWER. The duty of every Congressman and every citizen is positively to criticize the illegal acts of any President or other officials and to work for removal or impeachment, lest the Constitution be overthrown and our liberties destroyed.

28. QUESTION. What is the heart and basic foundation of our Constitution?

ANSWER. Freedom of speech. This implies other freedoms. If one has freedom of speech, he may utter any religious prayer or engage in any form of worship he pleases. He may organize a political party and advocate changes in law or political leadership.

29. QUESTION. What is the chief argument for free speech in a free country?

ANSWER. That all men are equal before the law. No one man has a greater right than any other person to express an opinion. If one, or some, have this right, while others do not, the equality is destroyed and slavery results.

30. QUESTION. What did President Woodrow Wilson and Mr. Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes, say about free speech, in war time?

ANSWER. Woodrow Wilson said: "We do not need less criticism in time of war, but more. It is hoped that criticism will be constructive, but better unfair attack than autocratic repression. Honesty and competency require no shield of secrecy." Justice Holmes said: "We do not lose the right to condemn either measures or men because the country is at war." (Both quotations are from speech of Representative Ditter, recorded in the Congressional Record, December, 1941.)

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If retarded in its service to mankind by war or other human disturbances, it merely shrugs its shoulders, and says: "O.K., I'll be seeing you again in a hundred years."

The archaeologist reads the story of the rise and fall of empires; he traces the decline and fall of civilizations, so old as to stagger the mind of the layman by chronologies, that reveal the immensities of time. Spade in hand, he proves that the human race has survived great catastrophes of history and come back to build again, striving once more to lift the general level which characterized the accomplishments of countless generations gone before.

So it comes to pass that the man with the spade who deals in things that relate to the past, is inclined to minimize transitory phases of the present. History spreads before him like a panorama. In unearthing the past, he leads the present through the school of experience where valuable knowledge may be gained.

War has always been the chief occupation of man, popular conceptions to the contrary notwithstanding, and the scientist engaged at the task of tracing the path of mankind, is inclined to believe that the same old occupation will continue as long as the human heart remains a seat of wickedness. He is not a defeatist, however, and hopes that the archaeologist of the future will read a different story. He bases his hope upon that Library called the Bible, because, being a practical person, he knows that human panaceas are sure to fail.

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Fortunately, Professor Pierre Monet, the noted French archaeologist, has been able to continue his work in the delta of Egypt, pursuing a clue for more than twelve years. It seemed to him that he could not afford to allow such an insignificant thing as a World War to interfere with his labors. He persisted, and made a discovery that would have rivaled the finding of King Tut's tomb by Howard Carter, had not the nations been occupied with fighting.

Near the city of Tanis (Zoan of the Bible), at a place called San el-Hagar, Monet began work upon a piece of flat topped masonry 75 feet square. This proved to be the deck of a deep stone structure, through which shafts lead to a room below. By removing a large block of pink granite set in the west wall of King Sheshonk's tomb, a corridor was discovered that gave entrance to a funer-

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ary chamber. This chamber is 23 feet long by 10 feet wide, and about 5 feet high.

Some years ago, prior to Monet's amazing discoveries, Dr. Melvin G. Kyle wrote about Zoan as follows:

"The rise of the land in the Delta of Egypt, from the deposit of sediment by the waters of the inundation, causing the bottom of the river also to rise, and the corresponding rise in the level of the infiltration has made it well-nigh impossible to excavate in the 'field of Zoan.' Doubtless most interesting things lie there imbedded in what is now largely swamp-land. Something was done by Mariette many years ago, and still more by Petrie in 1887-1888. Most probably it was in this, the northern capital of the empire, that Moses stood before Pharaoh, rather than at Memphis."

The tomb found by Monet was that of Psousennes (Psou-Sennes), the Pharaoh of Egypt whose daughter Solomon married. In this connection read I Kings 3:1, and instead of the word "affinity" as occurs in the average English translation, substitute the English word "treaty." Then the text will read: "And Solomon made affinity (treaty) with Pharaoh king of Egypt, and took (married) Pharaoh's daughter, and brought her into the city of David."

Psousennes I, was the second king of the Eleventh Dynasty — an epoch of Egyptian kings about which little is known at the present time. Here in this low chamber, Monet found a great sarcophagus of granite. This burial place was carved from one solid block of granite, whose sides and bottom is five inches thick. Many relics are on the top of the sarcophagus. The floor contains scattered funerary materials of different kinds. On the cover is the reclining figure of the Pharaoh representing Osiris.

Removing the lid, Monet found another sarcophagus of black granite inside. The lid of this inner coffin also bears a likeness of the King. Within this coffin, the explorer's eyes fell upon still another coffin made of pure silver, seven feet in length, beautifully wrought with a likeness of the King, in an excellent state of preservation. When the lid of this final coffin was removed, a beautiful body cover (shall we call it bedspread?) was discovered, bearing detailed inscriptions telling about the Monarch it had so long covered.

As in the case of King Tut, there was a mask of gold — in reality a death mask, giving us an exact portrait of the King. Underneath the body was a great quantity of jewelry and other valuable materials. This treasure is among the most important ever found by archaeologists.

The body itself had almost completely deteriorated due to dampness in the delta, but a few bones remained to give some notion as to the physique of the man. The mummy clothes were intact, enclosing within its folds the skeleton of the great King — a man, who in modern vernacular, could have called Solomon by the term "Son."

Around the King's neck was found, exactly the same as the day it was placed there, the largest and heaviest neckless ever worn by a human being. This ornament consists of two heavy bars of gold, supporting a massive gold lotus centerpiece. It weighs 72 pounds, and the inscription on the silver covering says: "This necklace is so massive that it will never be equalled." And the saying is literally true.

There was another necklace of lapis lazula with clasps of gold, but not so massive. The tomb is like an apartment, not so large, but on the same order, as the famous one of King Tutankhamen. Yet it has a chapel shut off from the sepulcher chamber by a granite block over 6 feet in height. In this chapel was found the sarcophagus and mummy of Pharaoh Amenemhet, the son of Psousennes, and the successor of Solomon's father-in-law.

The mummy of Amenemhet was in a wooden coffin, on the top of which had been nailed a golden lid with golden nails. At the head of the coffin

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was a gold mask of Amenemhet. Nearby was another mask, but broken. How such an item could be broken, no one can say at present. It is a puzzle, since the tomb had never been robbed. It is the only tomb so far found in Egypt, we know to have remained absolutely free from vandals.

On the upper arm of the second mummy were two gold bracelets, and the inscriptions on them state that the ornaments were a gift from Psousennes.

This tomb was officially opened by the present King of Egypt after Monet reported the priceless find. But alas! the War finally drove the archaeologist from the field before his work was completed. He, like several other Biblical archaeologists, will have to wait patiently the "passing" of this struggle before he, and they, can take up their labors for the benefit of mankind.

Now, we can look upon the tomb of the King, whom the famous wise man of the Old Testament was pleased to call his father-in-law. Psousennes shaped the destinies of the Egyptian Empire from 1054 to 1009 B. C. He was succeeded by his son Amenemhet, whose tomb was not originally in that of his father's, but was placed there later, by whom it is not known, neither is date indicated.

United We Stand

NOW that we have been attacked and are at war, there is only one objective to consider — that of bringing the struggle to a successful culmination as quickly as possible. The task at hand is the preservation of our Republic and the pillars upon which it stands.

We are faced with the task of defending the four freedoms that were established in this Country by our forefathers over a century and a half ago: free men, free enterprise, free institutions and free government. These are the foundations upon which our Republic has been kept alive through representative government. . . .

Faced with the immediate problem of winning a war, our Nation must not be handicapped in its efforts by those who might seek to capitalize on such a situation for their own personal aspirations or self-aggrandizement. There will be those who will try to take advantage of the hysteria and confusion that always accompany the existence of a state of war.

It behooves all of us who love America and its free institutions to be on guard against those who, either knowingly or unwittingly, weaken our efforts and morale by seeking to divide our allegiance to the main problem at hand which is the defense of our Republic from *all its enemies — both from within and from without.*

There will be those who will attempt to divide our efforts saddling them with additional and uncalled for objectives which are excess baggage and in no way connected with the preservation of our Country as a national sovereignty. They will seek to divide our allegiance and our unity if we listen to them.

There will be those who will seek to further undermine the pillars on which free government rests, especially that one known as the system of free enterprise. When a Country is at war it must change from a peace-time to a war-time economy. Even under the most efficient economic and industrial mobilization it becomes necessary to change the peace-time routine and balance. Such a situation offers to the enemies of the American system of private enterprise the opportunity to strike more deadly blows, especially if they are allowed to hold positions of authority.

There are those who are more desirous of revamping the American system according to a Marxian pattern than they are of anything else. Of course they want to win the war but they want the winning of it to be accomplished under such circumstances and in accordance with such planning, as will assure them of some form of a Socialist state at the war's termination. The cause of unity will be served if these folks will control their zeal to make us over, at least until after the war. . . .

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There is one more pillar that supports the American way of life, and it is the most important of all. It is religious freedom. More than anything else it has been responsible for millions of oppressed peoples hopefully turning their eyes towards America. It does not exist in the Soviet Union.

One of the greatest barriers which the Communists must meet in their program to use our entry into the war

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in order to advance their cause and furnish aid to the Soviet Union, is the destruction of religious freedom in the U.S.S.R. Floods of propaganda will be poured out to convince us that the Soviet Union and ourselves are interested in the same ideals. It has already begun.

On October 10, 1941 a memorandum on religious "freedom" in the U.S.S.R. was issued. It was published by a committee composed of loyal Americans of Russian descent. It was signed by the Archbishop of the Russian Orthodox Church of New York City, by a famous test pilot, and by a lawyer who has been an expert on Russian law for over twenty years.

This report was published in full in the *New York Journal-American* for November 16, 1941. While there is not sufficient space remaining to reproduce this memorandum in full, part of it is included as necessary to a factual record that will be useful for future identification of Soviet lobbyists. These lobbyists will seek to deceive us in order to give Stalin the greatest benefit from our war efforts.

The memorandum recites chapter and verse of the new and famous "liberal" Soviet constitution. Read what it says:

"Ever since the bolsheviks assumed the reins of power in 1917, they have been, and still are, waging a cruel and relentless war against religion in general and Christian religion in particular.

"The Soviet Constitution of 1918, while providing for the freedom of religious and anti-religious propaganda (Article 13), deprived the ministers of God of all civic rights and placed them in a class along with common law criminals (clauses d and g of Article 65).

"The Constitution of 1924, verbatim reiterated these provisions in Articles 4 and 69, respectively. However, Article 4 of the 1929 version of the Constitution was amended as follows:

" 'For the purpose of insuring to the workers real freedom of conscience, the Church is separated from the State, and the school from the Church; liberty of religious confession and of anti-religious propaganda is recognized to all citizens.'

"In this foul manner, the people were deprived of the right to engage in religious propaganda, for only anti-religious propaganda was permitted. Thus, the atheist grip over the Russian nation was tightened by the Soviets.

"Finally, the 'Stalin Constitution' of 1936 did nothing but confirm the freedom of anti-religious propaganda without restoring, or even pretending to restore, the right of the citizens to defend publicly their religious ideals and aspirations.

"Moreover on the strength of Article 122 of the Soviet Penal Code, the giving of religious instruction in schools whether state or private, is punished by forced labor, while all schoolmasters are required to impart to the children atheist teachings. Such in brief, is the legal status of religion under the existing Soviet legislation.

"The fact that there was no change in the attitude of the red rulers toward the problem of religion after 1936, is fully borne out by the following statement in the February 1937 issue of the *Bezbozhnik (The Goddess)* a magazine published under the auspices of the Soviet authorities:

" 'Does the new Stalin Constitution mean that we have changed our attitude toward religion, toward the ministers of religious worship, that we must weaken our anti-religious propaganda? Certainly not. . . . In some districts, the priests seek to interpret in their own way the meaning of the Constitution; they claim that it is a concession to the priesthood. The Party organizations and the Union of Militant Atheists must always uncover this pernicious and anti-Soviet bragging.'

"Echoing these views *The Anti-Religious*, another government subsidized publication, declared:

" 'The Soviet State cannot permit the freedom of religious agitation since it

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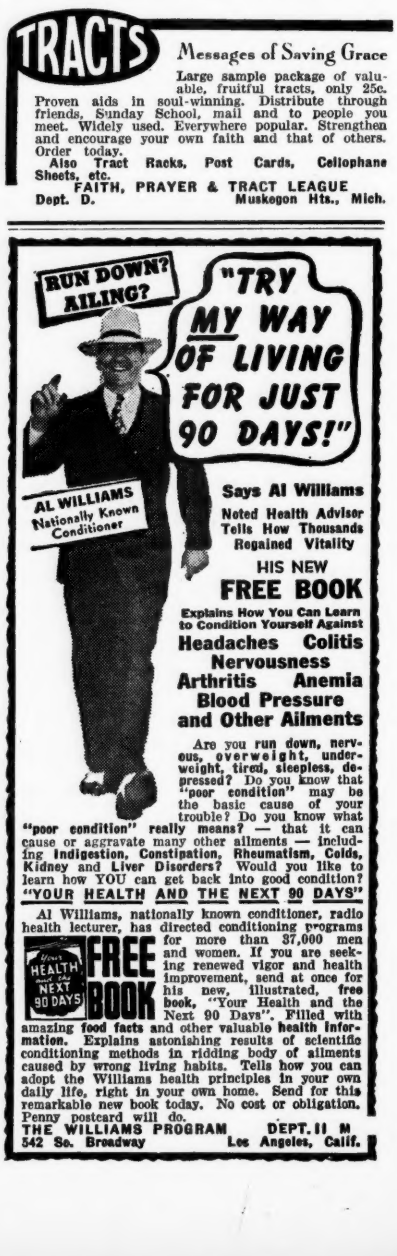

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is profoundly hostile to our people, to our state, to science, to our whole religion.' (1939, No. 1, p. 49.)

"And the official Soviet daily *Pravda* of July 20, 1939, unhesitatingly asserted that:

"'Anti-religious propaganda has in our country the character of a state policy; it is an inalienable and integral part of the whole political and educational Party task.'

"Certainly the leopard has not changed his spots, and three weeks ago, after the bolsheviks had been expelled from Estonia, the outside world again got a glimpse of the red ravages directed principally against the Christian Churches of all denominations. Here is what we read in a cable dispatch of September 21, 1941 from Talinn to *The New York Enquirer:*

"'Joyous throngs of Christians are again filling the churches of Estonia. Since the Reds have been driven from the little Baltic state, that predominantly Lutheran country again has freedom of worship. The Estonians seem now like persons awakened from a horrible nightmare. They can hardly believe they are again free to worship God. Evidence of the restored right of freedom to worship is seen in such incidents as the three Lutheran pastors who returned to Talinn riding in farm carts. They had escaped the approach of the Reds who had seized so many clergymen, even the eighty-two year old Nicolai Paets. It was reported that the aged clergyman died while in the hands of the O.G.P.U. in Russia. For many years Paets had been arch-priest at the Orthodox Cathedral in Talinn. Accounts of the bloodthirstiness and ferocity of the Reds, told by the resident of Talinn, are horrible to the point of being sickening. In the thirteen months' long Red occupation of Estonia the invaders brutally massacred or exiled 150,000 Estonians, or 10 per cent of the country's population.'

"The disastrous results of the communist offensive against religion in Russia is eloquently illustrated by the following statement from *The Anti-religious,* 1940, No. 2, p. 23:

"'Prior to the revolution'—we read in that Soviet magazine—'there were 80,000 houses of worship and more than 200,000 ministers, while practically the entire population of Russia believed in God. At present, however there are not more than one quarter of the churches left; there are less than 20,000 ministers in the whole country, and in the cities not more than one third of the people continue to adhere to religious beliefs.'

"Thus, the reds themselves boastfully admitted the destruction or closing of 150,000 churches and the liquidation of some 180,000 ministers of God."

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Critics sometimes complain that the Bible makes no direct attack on slavery or industrial oppression. But it does better: it calls all believers to be brothers, and that is the sure end of all such evils. It is easy for us to drop the first "r" out of "brother"; see what results? Is this the way I feel about other people? Are they brothers or "bothers" to me? When a servant was sent to meet Keith Falconer at the train and said he would not know him when he saw him, his mother said, "*Just watch for a tall man, helping somebody.*" And that is what he found—Keith Falconer helping an old lady off the train with her bundles.—Selected.

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People residing in this part of the world 150 years ago, had just finished a long war with England for liberty and independence, and were much more sensitive to tyranny, and faithful to the ideals of personal freedom, than are most Americans today.

The framers of the Constitution worked in Philadelphia all during the hot summer of 1787, from May until September, fashioning the great document. Outstanding among them were Washington, Madison, Franklin and Hamilton. They saw no need, at the time, for an additional Bill of Rights. Thomas Jefferson was in Paris.

Hamilton observed that *bills of rights* were originally created as stipulations between "kings and their subjects, abridgements of prerogative in favor of privilege, reservations of rights not surrendered to the prince."

"The truth is," continued Hamilton, "that the Constitution is itself, in every rational sense, and to every useful purpose, a Bill of Rights. Here, in strictness, the people surrender nothing; and as they retain everything, they have no need of particular reservations." *(Federalist,* No. 84).

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But other enlightened people of that day, including Patrick Henry and Thomas Jefferson, thought differently. Despite the fact that every State Constitution that had then been drawn by the colonies, protected the great freedoms by Bills of Rights, thus seeming to render a national Bill superfluous, these and others veterans of the Revolution insisted upon appropriate guarantees in the federal Constitution.

Various State conventions, as they adopted the Constitution drawn at Philadelphia, insisted upon amendments and offered several for consideration by Congress. Knowing the history of tyranny, they used "superabundant caution," in demanding protection against despotic powers that destroy freedom.

They knew, as so well stated by the

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The American Bill Of Rights

ARTICLE 1: Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

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ARTICLE 6: In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the state and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the assistance of counsel for his defense.

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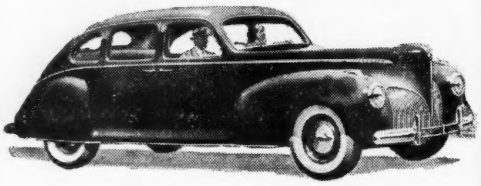

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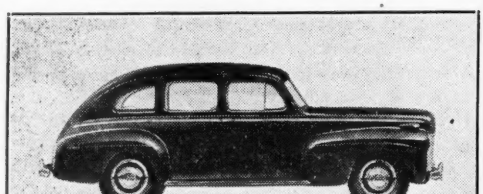

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However, no one need be alarmed, as the judges and auditors at the end will completely ignore the published vote; they will be governed only by the official records, which will correspond with the contestants figures.

With some reports in the mails, others in the cashier's office, and still others temporarily in abeyance until monetary discrepancies may be adjusted,we can now only approximate the relative standings of the various con testants. A candidates' list is published in order to satisfy public interest in the race and to indicate something of the progress which the candidates are making.

We regret that we are unable to include in this list the names of entrants received after it was sent to the printers.

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late Prof. A. D. Morse of Amherst, that "Government is a creature of the state. Its office is to serve the state. It has no rights as against the state. It is good in proportion to its obedience, and in proportion to the efficiency and fidelity, with which it provides for the interests committed to its charge."

From the time that the Greeks began the study of political science and established "little democracies," philosophers have puzzled over the question of how to deal with an intolerable government. "Whether the governor is one man or a group of men, or representatives of the whole people, the question constantly recurs: HOW IS THE STATE TO GOVERN THE GOVERNOR? What is to happen when the governor becomes so unjust that men prefer the anarchy which goes with armed conflict, rather than submit longer?" (So spake Dwight W. Morrow, in Morse's "Parties and Party Leaders.")

Facing these problems in their primitive aspect, the American leaders of the colonies, between the year 1787 and 1789, forced Congress to draw up the first great Amendments. The House of Representatives offered seventeen; the Senate cut them to twelve. The ten, reproduced on page sixteen of this Defender, and known as the Bill of Rights, were approved by the State legislatures and became part of the supreme law. North Carolina and Rhode Island refused to join the Union until Congress passed the Amendments.

The United States Constitution is written in simple language, and the first ten Amendments are even simpler. They should be in the home of every citizen. They should be known by heart, or at least in spirit. If we be not vigilant, our liberties may, one by one, be filched from us, until at last we become enslaved.

George Washington, in his Farewell Address, said:

"Let me now . . . warn you in the most solemn manner against the baneful effects of the spirit of party generally. . . .

"The alternate domination of one faction over another, sharpened by the spirit of revenge natural to party dissension, which in different ages and countries has perpetrated the most horrid enormities, is itself a frightful despotism. But this leads at length to a more formal and permanent despotism.

"The disorders and miseries which result gradually incline the minds of men to seek security and repose in the ABSOLUTE POWER OF AN INDIVIDUAL, and sooner or later the chief of some prevailing faction, more able or more fortunate than his competitors, turns this disposition to the purposes of HIS OWN ELEVATION ON THE RUINS OF PUBLIC LIBERTY.

"It is important, likewise, that the habits of thinking in a free country should inspire caution in those entrusted with its administration to confine themselves within their respective constitutional spheres, avoiding in the exercise of the powers of one department to encroach upon another.

"The spirit of encroachment tends to consolidate the powers of all departments in one, and thus to create, whatever the form of government, A REAL DESPOTISM.

"A just estimate of that love of power and proneness to abuse it which predominates in the human heart is sufficient to satisfy us of the truth of this position.

"The necessity of reciprocal checks in the exercise of political power, by dividing and distributing it into different depositories, and constituting each the guardian of the public weal against invasion by the others, has been evinced by experiments ancient and modern, some of them in our country and under our own eyes."

No American was a stronger advocate of the liberties guaranteed us by our Constitution than that paragon of all statesmen, George Washington. He was a friend of free religion, free speech, free press and free petition.

He saw in the State militias a bulwark of the people against possible Federal usurpation and oppression by the standing army. He believed that the rights of a free people to bear arms should never be infringed.

Article 3 was also against military oppression.

Unreasonable searches and seizures were not only unjust, but a method of political oppression. Amendment 4 took care against that.

Grand and petit juries prevented oppression and injustice against individuals; there must be no compulsion to give evidence against oneself.

Articles 6,7 and 8 protected the individual against judicial tyranny and injustice.

Articles 9 and 10 restrained the government against using more power than the people grant it, and reserves to them all powers not delegated. These two are the greatest of all the Amendments, and are a capstone to the greatest legal document in the world.

In conclusion, let us quote from Benjamin Franklin, and pray that this prediction may never come true. He said: "There is no form of government but what may be a blessing to the people if well administered, but I believe this Constitution is likely to be administered for a course of years and can only end in despotism, as other forms have done before it, when the people shall become so corrupted as to need despotic government, being incapable of any other."

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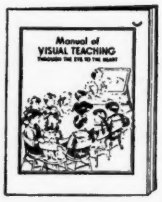

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Of this same prophet the record runs: "Elijah prayed earnestly (intensely, fervently, yearningly) that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months." Then, "He prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit." This earnest praying by a man of God, saved the nation from the influence of the weak, wicked Ahab; the haughty, sneering, idolatrous Jezebel; and the corrupt, abominable philosophy of Baalism.

(The account given in the *People's Bible Encyclopedia* shows that Baalism was a scourge to Elijah's nation: "Baal was the original sun god — his symbol being the solar disk — the principle and bearer of physical life, and of the generating, propagating power of nature; also the preserving and destroying principle. The worship of Baal is of very great antiquity. The Israelites were seduced to the worship of this god, under the peculiar form of Baal-peor. For this they were fearfully punished, but soon returned to the worship of Baal. In the reign of Ahab, the apostasy from Jehovah reached its height. Jezebel, the wife of Ahab, introduced or greatly increased, the means for maintaining and advancing the worship of Baal.")

Is there Baalism in America today? Is paganism on the increase? Are there opposition movements to God in our midst? If so, Elijah's triumph commends prayer to us as a sure remedy. The supernatural power of God, released by praying saints, can beat back the evils resulting from modern Baalism.

James says of this mighty man of prayer: "Elijah was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit." Then James adds the word "Brethren" — as if to encourage us in employing Elijah's kind of faith. James' conclusion is that, if God heard this man (with like passions as other men), he will also hear other people when they pray earnestly in times of national need.

Nehemiah, Ezra, Daniel all prayed earnestly, and broken down walls were rebuilt, people were cleansed, the mouths of lions closed. Jesus prayed earnestly, tears and sweat being mingled with blood, and the answer was *humanity's redemption,* to save a lost, ruined, prodigal world. He must cry: "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me," before he can announce: "It is finished" — redemption becoming a reality, full, free, and for all.

The 120 prayed earnestly, protractedly, in the upper room, and Pentecost was the answer. "They were all filled with the Holy Ghost." The *all* included only those of the Christian brotherhood who were present for the prayer meeting. There were at least 380 absent (making a total of 500 who were with the Lord at the Mount of Ascension). This latter group had shunned the prayer meeting, and consequently missed the blessing. The record says that, "He was seen of above five hundred brethren at once." But of these brethren, only 120 assembled in the upper room prayer meeting.

The early history of Christianity is woven around the "Acts" of the 120, not of the 380. People who pray make history. Others not being promoters, usually do nothing worthy of a place in the record. We know all about the 120. But of the 380 we know nothing.

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across the Atlantic and set Europe aflame.

And what shall we say more — for space would fail us to write of John Knox, David Livingstone, Jonathan Edwards, Charles G. Finney, D. L. Moody, R. A. Torrey, F. B. Meyer and thousands of saints less known, who have prayed earnestly in the Holy Ghost (Jude 20), making possible the salvation of countless millions of souls, often regenerating whole nations, saving multitudes from paganism, war, anarchy, revolution and chaos.

Has the time not come for the Church of Christ to speak? Everything seeemingly has been tried except trust in God. The arm of flesh always fails. The call of earth's suffering millions, weeping mothers of all nations whose sons are perishing on the battlefields of the world, . . . the lamentable need of the entire human race, is a call, clear and loud for prayer, more prayer, earnest prayer — PRAYER THAT REALLY PRAYS.

Is the time not opportune for Pastors and Church officials to issue a Call for a protracted period of confession, fasting and prayer? This is a matter for congregations to handle in local communities as well as recognized leaders of Bible-believing groups on a national scale.

Such a Call for a solemn season of protracted intercession, humiliation, confession of sin, repentance, renewing of vows and covenants, with consecration to God and His cause, certainly would be wholesome for the Church and the entire Country just now. And who will say that God would not hear and have mercy, and save the people out of their distress.

In the days of the prophet Joel, like conditions prevailed (Joel, Chapter I) and the prophet lamented: "Alas for the day! for the day of the Lord is at hand, and as a destruction from the Almighty shall it come. Is not the meat cut off before our eyes, yea, joy and gladness from the house of our God? The seed is rotten under their clods, the garners are laid desolate, the barns are broken down; for the corn is withered. How do the beasts groan! The herds of cattle are perplexed, because they have no pasture; yea the flocks of sheep are made desolate. Lord, to thee will I cry. . . . A nation is come upon my land, strong, and without number, whose teeth are the teeth of a lion, and he hath cheek teeth of a great lion. He hath laid my vine waste."

Joel issued a Call for national repentance and prayer: "Gird yourselves, and lament, ye priests: howl, ye ministers of the altar, come, lie all night in sackcloth, ye ministers of my God; for the meat-offering and the drink-offering is withholden from the house of your God."

God was merciful, a revival followed, and deliverance came.

Is it not reasonable to expect that like means would produce the same results now? God has not changed (Heb. 13:8), our need is as great today, with almost the entire world at war, as ever a nation's need in the history of the world. January 1st has been set aside for prayer by the President, but this will not suffice. Millions of American people should give themselves to constant prayer for at least a half hour daily, until relief from Satanic pressure comes. II Chronicles 7:14 challenges us! Will we meet it?

Famous Living Hymn-Writers

Evangelist Phil Kerr, Los Angeles, Calif.

THIS is the tenth in a series of articles presenting to Defender readers an up-to-date report of the histories and present activities of more than thirty living authors and composers of well-known Christian songs.

Previous installments have presented the stories of George Stebbins, C. Austin Miles, Grant Tullar, Charles Fillmore, Haldor Lillenas, T. O. Chisholm, C. Harold Lowden, George Bennard, Harry Dixon Loes, Ina Duley Ogdon, Robert Harkness, Mrs. F. W. Suffield, B. D. Ackley, A. H. Ackley, Homer Rodeheaver, Charlie Tillman, I. G. Martin, F. M. Lehman, Elton H. Roth, Ida L. Reed, Mrs. C. D. Martin, George Schuler, Ira B. Wilson, Merrill Dunlop, Albert Simpson Reitz, Henry Zelley, Lida Shivers Leech, and Thoro Harris — all of whom have lived to see their songs become well-known throughout the Christian world. The present article will add the names of N. B. Vandall, William M. Runyan, Oswald J. Smith and Mrs. Will H. Murphy.

N. B. VANDALL

Gospel radio singers in all parts of the Country unanimously report the phenomenal popularity of a song which is less than eight years old . . . N. B. Vandall's "After".

After the toil and the heat of the day,
After my troubles are past. . . .

A tragic accident which almost cost the life of his youngest son was the inspiration for the writing of this song. The incident took place in Akron, Ohio. Mr. Vandall was sitting on the davenport in the living room of his home, reading the evening newspaper. His wife announced that "supper's ready," and asked him to call the children in from play. He went to the front porch, to be greeted by the shocking information that his son Paul had just been hit by an automobile, and carried to an un-named doctor's office. After a frantic search he located the boy, only to be informed that the case was "hopeless." The injured lad was then rushed to a hospital, where other physicians confirmed the original "hopeless" verdict.

"Wearily I made my way back home," Mr. Vandall relates, "after I had held on in prayer for one hour and fifteen minutes while they cleaned and sewed up the head wounds and set the broken bones. I tried to comfort my wife by telling her that everything was all right, when in my own heart I had no assurance. I looked at the davenport where, just a few minutes before, I had been resting and reading with no thought of trouble. I fell on my knees and tried to pray. Words

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would not come. I remember saying only 'Oh, God!'

"I am glad that we serve a God who knows our heart's cry. Hardly had these words been uttered when God came. It seemed to me that Jesus knelt by my side, and I could feel His arms around me as He said, 'Never mind, My son. Your home will be visited with tribulation and sorrow, but in the *afterwards to come* these things shall not be. Your home is in Heaven, where tears shall all be wiped away.' For the time, at least, I forgot the little boy lying at death's door; brushing aside my tears, I made my way to the piano and wrote the song 'After'."

The boy recovered, and is now in his 'teens, with only nervous trouble and impaired eyesight to remind him of the accident.

N. B. Vandall is known as "Jack" to his multitudes of friends. He had no spiritual background during early life, his mother having died during his infancy. Only recently did he learn that she had been a Christian. As a young man he knocked around the world a good deal, working at various jobs. He was blessed with abundant musical talents and a charming personality, assets which attracted him into the realm of cabarets and dance halls and theatres. Then came the World War. He enlisted in the Marines, serving as orderly to an admiral. After the war he became a salesman in Akron, attaining considerable business success.

Early in the 1920's he attended a Methodist campmeeting and was converted to Christ, largely through the prayers and efforts of the young lady to whom he was then engaged. "Margie is the ideal preacher's wife," he confesses. "We met in Akron at the home of a mutual friend. All that we had in common was music, and that differed so widely it was not much to go on. Margie was a devout Christian and loved the old hymns and Gospel songs. I was a confirmed skeptic and sinner, and loved jazz tunes and popular songs of the day. We hit on a compromise; I sang hymns, she relented and played one popular song for me on request, 'Margie.' Through her consistent Christian living, influence, and prayers, I was led to Christ.

"Margie is content to stay in the background, and let the spotlight play on myself and the Trio. Without her fine work at the piano we could not put on our musicals or broadcasts. She never speaks up in meetings unless called upon to do so. She has stood by me when all others let me down. Quiet and reserved in temperament, she is a faithful companion, a willing partner, and the best wife a man could wish for."

His first Christian work after conversion was as song leader in the local Nazarene Church. He soon became conscious of a divine call to launch out into full time evangelistic work; he even went so far as to line up an attractive itinerary, with engagements in some of the largest Churches of Ohio. But at the last minute he cancelled the entire plan, confessing that he did not have the courage to sever business connections and surrender his financial income.

He continued singing in the local Church, but the call of God became more insistent. Finally, in a supreme moment of consecration, he resigned his position and stepped out by faith into the evangelistic field, only to find that he had not one open door! Having failed to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit previously, he was now being put to the test. Through severe trial he proved his consecration; soon doors began to open.

The years that followed brought the glorious blessing of God upon his ministry — singing, preaching, composing hymns, broadcasting. In 1940 a physical breakdown compelled him to leave the active evangelistic field. He then began a daily radio ministry through WAKR in his home town, Akron, which has continued to increase in volume of listener response. His wife serves as piano accompanist. He also features a vocal trio comprised of a young lady and two of his sons.

Besides "After," Jack Vandall has composed other songs which are now widely used, notably "My Home Sweet Home," "Just One Glimpse," "My Sins Are Gone," "He's The One I Love," and "I Know He Can Save Me, Too."

"My Home Sweet Home" was written as the result of a domestic disturbance brought about by severe financial stringency. He had been absent from home, conducting a revival campaign in a distant city. The campaign had been the most successful in the history of the church, according to their own admission, and the congregation had accompanied him to the train en masse. They showered him with congratulations and thanks and back-slapping and invitations to return — but they sent him away with empty pockets!

Upon arriving home he found that his house rent was past due, his wife was ill and the children sick. No money for rent, no money for groceries, and a sick family! His courageous wife had a brief moment of bitterness, declaring that God did not expect him to leave his family and "go traipsing around the Country" ministering to people who failed to appreciate him and would not support him.

"All right, I'll go back into the business world," he told her. "But you'll have to be responsible for my soul's salvation. I don't know what will happen if I get out of God's will." With that, she threw her arms around him, burst into tears, and asked forgiveness for her momentary weakness.

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Together they made a new consecration to God, and promised to follow His call no matter the sacrifice. In that moment the peace of God so flooded Jack Vandall's soul that he went to the piano and quickly composed the now widely known song:

Walking along life's road one day,
I heard a voice so sweetly say,
"A place up in Heav'n I am building thee,
A beautiful, beautiful Home."
Home, sweet Home, Home, sweet Home,
Where I'll never roam;
I see the light in that City so bright,
My Home, sweet Home.

WILLIAM M. RUNYAN

For more than a quarter of a century William M. Runyan has occupied an esteemed place among top-ranking contemporaries in the realm of Christian music. He recently retired from a lengthy period of service in one of America's leading Bible Institutes. He is credited with having produced a large number of Christian songs, some of which will doubtless continue to live on for a long time to come.

He began taking melodion lessons at the age of seven. Five years later he frequently acted as church organist. Before finishing his high school education, he had already become a successful music teacher with as many as forty piano and organ pupils. At the age of twenty-one he entered the Methodist ministry, served fourteen years as a Pastor, and then entered the evangelistic field.

His interest in song-writing dates from 1915 when he produced "Let The Fire Fall." Since that time three hundred Christian songs have come from his pen, although he has considered song writing as only a "spare time hobby." Now that he is retired, however, he hopes to engage in "plain living and high thinking" and "take the time to work on deeper spiritual hymns."

Runyan is "a smiling-faced figure, tall, straight, with thick, gray hair," according to a well known writer. "Love of music and the ability to write it well have made the business of editing song books a not infrequent occupation. The same gift often has sent him to the microphone to speak on hymnology, while an engaging personality has made him an authority on spiritual song-writing from whom many young writers and singers have gained much help."

One of the chief interests of his life has been an annual "pilgrimage" to the home of some famous hymn-writer. He particularly cherishes the memories of his visits with T. O. Chisholm, Annie Johnson Flint, George C. Stebbins, Adelaide A. Pollard, and Mrs. Will R. (May Whittle) Moody. On one occasion he was privileged to play the old organ (now in the old Federal Building at Boston) upon which Oliver Holden composed the immortal tune for "All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name."

The following quotations, attributed to Mr. Runyan, are indicative of his high musical standards and deep spiritual insight:

"I believe new Gospel songs with true depth and meaning, songs that stick to the spiritual ribs, are one of the most apparent needs in the world today.

"It's only natural for young people to take to these catchy tunes (speaking of the current trend to *choruses*), but a steady diet of that type of music, is as undernourishing for real spiritual growth as a course of *hors d'oeuvre* served up three times a day. . . . I believe Christian people are capable of something better, of songs rich in melody and message which portray the peace and joy of a victorious life in Christ. And this is the day when that message is much needed.

"Song writing is like preaching. There's no need for a special occasion to inspire a song. The Holy Spirit can supply the material for a song just as well as He can for a sermon."

OSWALD J. SMITH

Christians of many denominations make frequent use of Dr. Smith's "Saved," a number that has brought blessing to millions. "Saved, I'm saved, Through Christ, my All in All. Saved, I'm saved, whatever may befall; He died upon the Cross for me, He bore the awful penalty, and now I'm saved eternally, I'm saved, saved, saved."

Pastor, evangelist, missionary, author, composer, world-traveler, lecturer, poet and editor — Oswald J. Smith is truly versatile. His church in Toronto is the nerve center of far-flung missionary activities. He has traveled widely in foreign fields, and lectured extensively on this continent in the cause of foreign missions. His earliest Christian service was as a missionary in the wilds of northern Canada and Alaska.

More than five hundred hymn poems have come from his pen, the first having been published in 1914, with a musical setting by D. B. Towner. "Saved" was written three years later, when he was twenty-seven. Other successful songs followed in rapid succession during the twenty years that followed, with musical settings provided by Roger Hickman, B. D. Ackley, George C. Stebbins, Robert Harkness, and other famed composers.

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Of interest is Dr. Smith's theory that poets are not necessarily "born." He insists that "the gift must be developed." He says: "When I was in my early twenties I purchased volumes of poetry and read the poems aloud so as to get what we call 'rhythm' into my soul. Such works as Milton's 'Paradise Lost' and Dante's 'Inferno' I read line by line aloud. Tennyson, Browning, Byron, Bryant, Longfellow, Hood, Whittier, Shakespeare, and a whole shelf of others, I literally devoured. I studied poetry, studied it until it became a part of me. By hard work I learned to write.

"In my hours of deepest depression and heartache I have found an outlet for my feelings and emotions in the writing of hymns, poems and Gospel songs. Those who study them will get a glimpse into the spiritual struggles and mental experiences through which I have passed. They sound the deepest depths and highest heights of my inner life, for they have been my greatest source of comfort and relief."

MRS. WILL H. MURPHY

Constantly abiding, Jesus is mine,
Constantly abiding, rapture divine,
He never leaves me lonely, whispers oh so kind,
'I will never leave thee', Jesus is mine.

The words and music of the inspiring "Constantly Abiding" were written more than thirty-five years ago in Ohio, by Mrs. Will H. Murphy. At that time she was a young lady, quite active in Christian work, preaching and singing. Her family was wealthy and socially prominent, operating the largest potteries in the state of Ohio. She used her wealth and influence in the service of Christ. Her activities became known far and wide.

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(Another article in this series will appear in the February Defender.)

So You Want To Be Successful

John N. Free, Attorney, Wichita, Kansas

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If you are one who can attach no weight to suggestions for your own improvement unless those suggestions recommend the doing of difficult things and the carrying out of complicated programs, these lines are not written for you. They are penned for the man or woman who by independent reasoning can arrive at a logical conclusion as to the soundness of a proposition, regardless of whether that conclusion and the implications arising therefrom, are simple and reasonable or difficult and abstruse.

For several years, authorities who have made an extensive study of the matter of personal advancement, have been telling us that the one thing above all others which they have found to be a common concomitant of success is an extensive use-vocabulary. This conclusion has been reached not as a matter of snap judgment or unfounded opinion. Several of our larger universities have conducted widespread surveys of successful business men and women, and at the conclusion of those surveys announced as their principal finding, the fact that a large use-vocabulary was more common to successful individuals than any other attribute they possessed.

Professor O'Conner, the well-known Harvard psychologist, states that "Vocabulary, more than any other single characteristic which the laboratory can measure, determines the executive rank which a man or woman reaches." Archibald Hart, in a recent article in *Good Housekeeping* says: "There is little doubt that success in school and college, success in social life, and success in business are directly related to the size and accuracy of one's vocabulary."

If authoritative opinion on a matter of this kind can be accepted when we know that that opinion has been reached after adequate investigation, such conclusions should be sufficient to guide the ambitious man or woman into a proven channel of success. When, in addtion, however, to such authoritative opinion, a person can by his own reasoning processes see the basis for the conclusion drawn, the last shred of skepticism should be eliminated.

It was Robert Louis Stevenson, I think, who stated that the greatest

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single step forward ever made by man, was his development of an ability to properly articulate and convey his ideas to his fellows by well-chosen spoken words. Words are the only tools by which man's thoughts may be conveyed. Our success in life is to a large extent determined by the success with which others are lead to our point of view. If the only means by which we can lead them, is through a medium of words — then the more words and the better words at our command for that purpose, the greater our success.

Words are no substitute for ideas, but ideas without words in which to clothe them, are the most futile things in the world. The necessary conclusion, therefore, that thinking men must reach is that if we are to be effective in this world where all of us are selling something, merchandise, service or ideas, we must have a good supply of the only means of selling, namely words, ample words and the right words.

I believe it was the psychologist James who, from his long experience, stated that the greatest ambition of the average man or woman is to be thought important. Reluctant as we may be to admit the accuracy of that conclusion in our own case because of its implication of egotism, yet to ourselves at least, honesty may compel its admission. Nor do I think it is a reflection upon any man to desire to command respect on the part of others for his intelligence, standing, or importance if you please. If others are to feel that we are important, we must have something about us to command their respect and control their opinions in that regard.

I know of nothing that can bring about those results more quickly or effectively, than a large use-vocabulary which immediately marks a person as above the average of his class. Were all men equipped with such vocabulary then there would be nothing outstanding in any man's being so equipped, but from the very fact that the average individual's use-vocabulary is so small, springs a great opportunity for the man whose ambition leads him to enlarge his own vocabulary beyond that of his fellows.

If any man will sit down and indulge in that rare pastime of quiet reflection on the matter of his own success in life, and ask himself, "What is the one thing that I can do by my own efforts without great expenditure of either time or effort, to so qualify myself as to command the respect of others and make myself outstanding in my group?" he will reach the conclusion that nothing can be more effective in that direction than improving the quality of language used and thus mark him as an individual above the average.

In this connection it must be remembered of course, that all men have two vocabularies. They have a recognition and understanding vocabulary, which permits them to understand the meaning of words in their spoken or written context, and they have a use-vocabulary which lets them use words themselves. The former is larger by hundreds or thousands of words, than the latter. But it is only the words we use ourselves, which make us effective in our public or private expression, and command for us the respect of those who must have regard for the man who stands out above others in his class.

Any man familiar with the passing scene will recognize that we are living in a very competitive world. For every position of preference that is open, there seems to be many applicants all well-schooled and with an adequate background. There are more college graduates to the square mile in America today than there were high school graduates a generation ago. This means that for the man who is ambitious to advance, the competition is keener than it has ever been before. During recent years the supply of personnel available far exceeds the positions which are open. In such a situation the far-sighted man will recognize that he should and must have about himself a personal attribute that can rivet attention upon him beyond that given to others. No finer or more effective attribute is available than that of an extraordinary use-vocabulary. And to clinch the argument for that conclusion is the fact that it works, and has been proved indubitably to work by the record of successful business people.

God does help those, and only those, who help themselves. Many men who feel they are the victims of frustration and misfortune could, were they even reasonably ambitious, so equip themselves in the matter of language that they could create the opportunities they are seeking.

I would like to think that everyone who reads these lines will be so impressed by the suggestions made, that he would start his own reasoning processes to work to see if the conclusions reached are accurate. If he would, I have no doubt as to the outcome of such reasoning. It is unfortunately true, however, that only a minority of people are willing to invest thinking time in a matter of such great im-

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portance, namely, the matter of their own success. Of course for such a minority the fact that they are a minority, enhances their own chance for success. Human nature is such that the lethargy and apathy of the many, create special opportunities for the few. To which class do you belong?

The Final Air Raid

Rev. A. J. Turvey, Capac, Michigan

"AND there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, every stone about the weight of a talent: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great." *Revelation 16:21.*

Those who live on earth at the time of the Antichrist, do not all worship him or his image. Some hold out to the last against acknowledging this imposter as deity, and will refuse to be marked with his number or his name. Most of them die martyrs to their faith, and we read in Revelation 15 of the reward they receive for their loyalty to the true Christ.

"And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne saying, It is done." *Revelation 16:17.*

This tells us in plain words that the end of the age has come, judgment is complete, the wrath of God is falling upon the earth. It will be recalled that when Christ died on Calvary for the sins of the world, almost the same words were used as He lifted up His head and said, "It is finished." The great sacrifice was complete. This event marked the end of judgment for them that believe.

On the Cross, Christ was judged for the sins of all who repent and accept Him as Saviour, and He said, "It is finished." Now, in the last book of the Bible we read of judgment falling upon the unbelieving world, and the record says, "It is done." The language is similar. Sin carries with it a sure penalty. Like a boomerang, it makes a circle and comes back. If you have accepted Christ, He is judged in your stead. If you have rejected Christ, judgment will fall upon you.

Divine wrath is kindled against sin. Prophetically, we know that this age will end in great suffering, as men and nations are judged for evil committed. In the passage now under consideration, the curtain is falling on a rebellious world.

Great Earthquake Coming

There were voices, thunder and lightning, the cities of the nations crashed, and then the unbelievable happened. "And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, every stone (please notice it says, *every* stone) about the weight of a talent: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of hail: for the plague thereof was exceeding great."

Here the final air raid is portrayed. Time after time, during the Tribulation, the earth is visited by air raids of divine wrath, symbolized as vials, woes, trumpets. But this is the final air raid, and possibly the worst that could fall upon the human race. The hail will be just as literal as every other plague, anticipated in the book of Revelation.

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Egypt's Storm Repeated

After the coming earthquake has spread destruction, God's final air raid takes place — the heaviest rain of hail ever to fall upon men from heaven. Scripture shows that this will not be just another hail storm. Not just hail stones the size of apples or marbles, but literally blocks of ice!

Go out to the wagon of your iceman, or the river in the winter, when they are cutting large blocks of ice, and you will get a better idea of this strange phenomenon. The weight of each stone will be well over a 100 pounds. That, my friend, is a picture of the hail storm destined to take place during the final air raid.

Houses smashed to kindling wood, buildings battered, ships destroyed. There will be no safety for human beings on the earth. These stones will fall from a height no bomb has fallen, nor any airplane has reached. The impact will force them into the ground like huge meteorites. The boulders hurled by the Roman catapults against Jerusalem will be like marbles compared to these hail stones.

Persons who accept Old Testament history as true will be thinking of Exodus 9:18, where God told Moses: "Behold, tomorrow about this time I will cause it to rain a very grievous hail, such as hath not been in Egypt since the foundation thereof even until now."

The language here is similar to that of Revelation. Moses was instructed to go tell the people to bring in their cattle, and all that they had in the field. Otherwise hail would come upon them, and they would die. What happened? The remaining verses tell the story.

Those who feared and obeyed the warning, fled to places of refuge. Others who ignored the word of the Lord, left servants and cattle in the field. God gave them plenty of time to accept His mercy and grace, just as He does today. We can either obey and be saved . . . or disobey and be lost. When the time came, Moses was told to, "Stretch forth thine hand toward heaven, that there may be hail in all the land of Egypt, upon man, and upon beast, and every herb of the field throughout the land of Egypt."

And then we read: "Moses stretched forth his rod toward heaven: and the Lord sent thunder and hail, and the fire ran along upon the ground; and the Lord rained hail upon the land of Egypt. So there was hail, and fire mingled with hail, very grievous, such as there was none like it in all the land of Egypt since it had become a nation."

Don't put tongue in cheek and smile superciliously! Please do not regard the revelation of coming judgment as if it were a fictional story. Some people so callous that they cannot understand when a thing is serious. This is no time for smugness. Our minds should be open. We should be eager

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Writing in *The Earnest Worker,* Mr. Holmes Rolston expresses the sentiment of all Christians to whom Tarbell's Teachers' Guide has become a companion through years of use:

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Three recent books have preceded "The Finished Scholar," their titles being as follows: "Rights of Americans Under Federal Constitution," "The Presidency, Supreme Court and Seven Senators," and "Uncle Sam Needs a Doctor."

Governor Murray tells how he came to write "The Finished Scholar." In the Preface we read: "Observing the loss of Gentle Manners and a proper Sense of Propriety, especially among children under the age of 16 years, I decided to write a brochure on Good Morals and Gentle Manners, Ethics and kindred questions. Since they might appear 'sermonizing' and have but a limited sale; and, realizing people must be 'taught as though you would teach them not,' I decided to extend it, so the book would be desired by professionals and as a Handbook for general use."

Appropriately, the Governor dedicates the book to his three grand children, Johnston, Jr., Mary Alice, and William Henry, III.

The "finished scholar," as defined by Governor Murray, is not one who memorizes the beliefs and opinions of others, but rather a person who through sound methods, learns to think, reason and observe. The mind should be a file, not a pile. Knocks should be turned into boosts. Life should be viewed from the proper mental vantage point. Everyone should seek to do things *exactly* right — not *about* right! There are ways to broaden the mind, expand the spiritual horizon and increase earning, learning and productive capacities.

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"LET NOT YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED." By Dr. R. McQuilkin. Published by Columbia Bible College. Pages 65. Price 25 cents.

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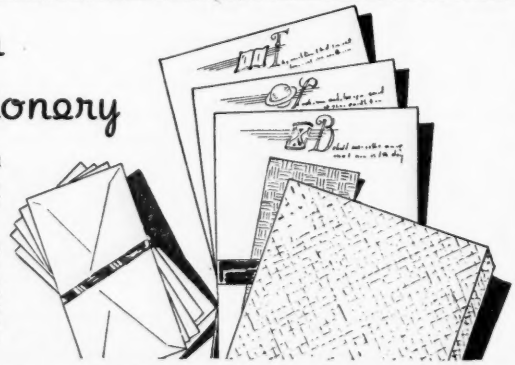

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THE VOICE OF THE DEVIL. By Dr. G. Campbell Morgan. Published by Fleming H. Revell Company. Pages 63. Price 75 cents.

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THE LOVELINESS OF CHRIST. By Dr. Edward A. Marshall. Published by Zondervan Publishing House. Pages 43. Price 25 cents.

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January 18

John The Baptist And Jesus

Luke 3:1-6; 15-17, 21, 22

GOLDEN TEXT: *"Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased." Luke 3:22.*

The book of Malachi closes with a definite prophecy regarding the coming of John the Baptist (Mal. 4:5-6). The angel of the Lord quoted this prophecy to Zacharias, John's father. Thus the Baptist bridges the Old and New Testaments, ending one period in the history of God's dealings with men, and as Forerunner, ushering in the next period when salvation was to be manifested through our Lord's life and vicarious death.

There are three reasons for believing that John the Baptist was more than a prophet: (1) his personal relation to Jesus as Forerunner, (2) he pointed out and baptized the Son of God, (3) his teachings were more like those of the Master than any of the prophets.

John's messages were received directly from God. He waited neither for summons nor ordination from man, before delivering them. They were not meant to be entombed in the four walls of a synagogue, but rather heralded to multitudes in the open spaces.

His preachments probed the conscience and declared the coming wrath of God. This message proved unpopular with the Jewish religionists of the day. Conditions have changed little since then. Hypocrites invariably entertain aversion to the kind of preaching that cuts to the root of personal sin. For this reason, inter-denominational tabernacles, tents and independent Gospel effort, characterizes evangelism of the present hour. Many strong preachers of the Word have been crowded from the beaten paths of Churchanity in order to retain their message. Church politics has made Galatians 2:20 meaningful to them. As in John's day, voices are being heard in the *wilderness*.

John said: "I indeed baptize you with water . . . he shall baptize you in the Holy Spirit and in fire."

A nugget from Tarbell's Guide: "When in India the clothing gets soiled, we wash it well. But when a metal becomes impure, the uncleanness, it is thought, pierces the very grain whereof the vessel is made. Then no washing can cleanse it; fire, blazing fire, alone can make it clean. Who was to teach the people that? Their sins might be outwardly removed, and the garments of their character washed by the water of John's repentance. But to purge, change and renew the very substance of that character, was not some other baptism necessary — the baptism of fire and the spirit? — *Mozoomdar*."

The baptism preached and administered by John was predicated upon repentance. What is repentance? The Greek word translated *repent* means "to change one's mind." In the New Testament usage, the thought of regret, and complete change of purpose and action, are both found, with emphasis upon the latter. In other words, repentance is not only a revision of mental attitude, but a complete change of heart.

Sorrow for sin is an element of repentance. Genuine penitence may be defined as such sorrow for, and abhorrence of, sin, that it leads the sinner to turn from evil with his whole heart. This was John's message.

The presence of the Trinity is shown in the baptism of Christ. The Lord is baptized, the Spirit is seen, the voice of the Father is heard. Almighty God has never said of anyone else: "In thee I am well pleased." But here, at last, is the God-Man — God in human flesh.

January 25

The Temptation of Jesus

Matthew 4:1-11

GOLDEN TEXT: *"For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like we are, yet without sin." Heb. 4:15.*

An important truth receives emphasis in the lesson this week, namely, that moments of loftiest exaltation are sometimes followed by fiercest Satanic attack. In the life of our Saviour, baptism was followed by temptation in the wilderness.

Let it be noted that it was "the Spirit" Who led Jesus to be tempted of the Devil. Mark 1:12 says: "And immediately the Spirit driveth him into the wilderness." The hour of temptation was as necessary in the ministry of our Lord, as the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Had this not been true, the Spirit would have led Him in other paths.

The wilderness experience presents Satan to us as a haughty, egotistical creature, exposed and defeated, brought low and groveling at the feet of a Conqueror. He steps forth boasting that he owns the world, but slinks away and vanishes in the shadows . . . while angels minister to the Son of God.

Satan has exercised dominion over the human race, since the fall of the first Adam. In fullness of time Jesus Christ, the Second Adam, appeared upon the scenes to win souls back into the family of God. Those who accept Christ become members of a new creation. Satan, of course, fights to retain his position as the god of this age. With characteristic cunning, he mapped strategy to tempt our Lord at a time of physical weakness. He has always used this plan. He strikes followers of Christ in moments of weakness.

Recognizing the potency and authority of the Word of God, Satan quoted the Old Testament to Christ. The Master hurled Scripture back at the Adversary, thus fighting "fire with fire."

Our Lord met in person the generalissimo of the opposing forces, and successfully thwarted his evil purpose. The whole realm of evil spirits knew of Christ's triumph in the wilderness — and trembled.

"Again, the devil taketh him unto an exceeding high mountain, and showeth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; and said unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me." When Satan thus professed ownership of the nations, Jesus did not dispute the claim. Hence, by inference, the fact of Satanic priority during the present age, is established. Considering the monstrous evils perpetrated, the wars, social injustices, crimes and immoral practices among "the kingdoms of the world," the existence of such a wicked personality cannot be doubted.

Jesus Christ lived in our kind of a world. His temptations were of the same nature which men have always encountered. Yet sin never stained His character. Herein lies not only the miracle of the ages, but final proof of His Deity. His sinless life presupposes a sinless birth.

In dealing with His Adversary, Jesus unsheathed the "Sword of the Spirit."

Ephesians 6:17 says: "And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God." His constant and unanswerable reply to Satan was, "It is written."

Satan's object was to break the union which exists between the Father and Son. If He could have detached Christ from God, and persuaded Him to take up an independent position with rights of His own, victory would have been achieved. But Christ answered in substance: "I live by the word of God; I worship the Lord my God; I dare not tempt God." The more the Devil insinuated that Jesus should exalt Himself, the higher Jesus lifted His Father.

These are our safeguards: the precepts of the Holy Book planted in the memory, loved by the heart, practised in the life. In every crisis of the soul, the Word becomes a Sword of defense. We find safety in humble submission to God and exalting Him to the throne of our heart. "A safe stronghold our God is still." So, when Satan is near, subtle and *potent,* let us remind ourselves, that "God is nearer, *omnipotent,* and will not fail!"

February 1

Jesus Calls Four Disciples

Luke 5:1-11

GOLDEN TEXT: *"Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men." Mark 1:17.*

The event recorded in the lesson for this week, which some call the reconsecration of Peter and Andrew, James and John, is estimated to have been about 14 months after the baptism of Jesus.

The Lake of Gennesaret and Sea of Galilee are one and the same. To better handle the crowd that pushed in, on every side, Jesus entered the boat of Simon Peter and asked that it be moved a short distance from land. There He sat, and taught the people who remained on the shore. Following the discourse, the Master told Peter to launch out into the deep, to cast nets for a draught of fish.

Peter, being experienced at fishing, remonstrated. Under ordinary circumstances, it was the wrong time of the day, and certainly the wrong place. Fish could be expected in shallower water and any way, being the morning hour, it was inopportune. Moreover, they had not been lucky of late. "Master, we toiled all night, and took nothing."

But Jesus said, "Launch out into the deep," and the disciples obeyed. What, the same experience over again? All night and no luck. The same thing again! No, not exactly the same thing! It is certainly the old tackle, the old nets, and perhaps the old methods; but there is a new Presence. The Master of ocean, and earth, and sky . . . is there.

Has it been that way with us? We have had the best equipment, been very busy, but caught nothing. Perhaps we were out on the lake without Jesus. We had forgotten nothing, except the Lord, and this being the case, we might as well left everything behind. The tackle is all right. We throw the nets properly, but fail.

Peter obeyed. The catch of fish was so great that, for a time, it seemed the ship would sink. James and John finally came to their aid in another boat. Jesus did "exceeding abundantly above all" that they asked.

"With Christ in the vessel I'll smile at the storm." We shall do much more than that! We shall do great work in stormy waters, for has He not said, "I will make you fishers of men?"

"At thy word I will let down the net," said the puzzled but trusting disciple. Obedience, if it is real, will be prompt and unreserved. It will not stop to ask questions or consider policies. To be a Christian is to obey Christ, no matter how one may feel.

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The four disciples of today's lesson were about to make Mr. Roebuck's mistake regarding their partnership in the kingdom of heaven. But under the Saviour's tactful rebuke, we see them escaping the error of "selling their religion short." The success of any Christian worker is measured by the degree of detachment from worldly matters that tend to divide his interests in the things of God.

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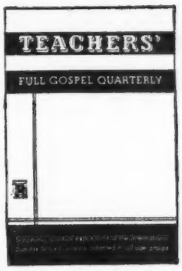

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A Busy Sabbath In Capernaum

Mark 1:21-34

GOLDEN TEXT: *"I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day." Rev. 1:10.*

A MAN OF AUTHORITY. Christ did not teach as the Scribes, who expounded the law of Moses by rote, as a schoolboy says his lessons. He taught as One Who knew the mind of God, commissioned to declare it. He created an impression that He was the source of truth.

AUTHORITY OVER DEMONS. In the New Testament, a demon is always an agent of Satan, an evil or unclean character — a personality rather than a mere influence — who enters the lives of some men and women, often mastering them. The Bible does not argue the question of Satan's existence. It takes Satan and demons for granted, because it is a Book of Truth. Yes, there is a personal Devil.

One wonders that if today, wicked practices on the part of some men and women, may not be attributed to the fact of demon power. The authority which Jesus exercised over demons was fresh in the minds of the Apostles.

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hence such statements as the following by Paul: "We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world."

The demon "cried out" as one in agony, at the presence of Christ, knowing it was to be dislodged. Demons are not atheists; they do not question Christ's deity; they believe and tremble. They have a horror of Christ, but possess no hope in, or reverence for, Him.

The demon called Him "Jesus of Nazareth," the first probably to address Him in that manner. This was done with design, to give the people low thoughts of the Master because no good thing was expected out of Nazareth; and to create prejudice against Him as a deceiver, because everybody knew the Messiah must be of Bethlehem.

Demons desire to have nothing to do with Christ, for they despair of being saved through Him, and dread being destroyed by Him. "What have we to do with thee?" (verse 24). In other words, "If you will let us alone, we will let you alone." When people by their actions, say to the Almighty, "Depart from us," we now understand whose language they speak.

AUTHORITY OVER DISEASE. As He taught, so He now healed, with authority. Jesus rebuked the demon. The agent of Satan was forced out, by the authority of Christ. "For this purpose was the Son of Man manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil."

Peter's wife's mother healed. Luke, physician like, uses a stronger expression than found in Mark's Gospel, saying that the woman "was holden with a great fever." It is said there were marshes in that district, hence a permanent prevalence of fevers. But in His presence, disease and misery cannot continue.

Bending over the sufferer, He "rebuked the fever," just as He had rebuked the demon. "Immediately the fever left her." (verse 31). Observe how complete was the cure. When the fever departed, it did not, as usual, leave the victim weak. The same hand that healed her, gave strength, so that she was able to minister to them.

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for every little gleam of prophetic truth that may tend to throw light upon the future — a future which every thoughtful person admits is exceedingly dark.

Moses Will Return

What happened in Egypt under Moses, is scheduled to be repeated throughout the world during the Tribulation period. In fact, we find that most of the plagues mentioned in Exodus, are to occur again. History repeats itself. At one time these outbursts of violence were just for Egypt, but in the end, they will sweep the entire world. If we understand the prophecies correctly, Moses is the one appointed by God to administer the plagues of wrath, during the great Tribulation.

In Revelation 11:3-6 John announces the coming of the two witnesses. Says verse 3: "And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophecy."

It is further explained that these two will have power to shut the heavens, so it will not rain during the time their prophecies are being uttered. They will have power over waters, to turn them to blood. They will smite the earth with terrible plagues. A careful study of the text and context indicates that one of these witnesses is beyond doubt Moses, who did these very things in ancient Egypt. During the last three and a half years of the Tribulation period, he will again be clothed with similar power. At his side, through all the suffering, there will also be another witness.

We cannot even form a right mental picture of this terrible hail storm. Some, of course, say such a thing cannot happen. Others believe it will happen. Some say it is spiritual. Others say it is symbolical. But, beyond question, it is literal. No preacher, deacon, elder, or professor, can give me the chapter and verse where it is described as being anything but literal.

When one really understands the terrors — the physical terrors that will be visited upon God-defying, Christ-rejecting humanity as this age draws to a close, he no longer doubts the authenticity of this prophecy.

We are told that each stone will be the weight of a talent (notice the words: *stone, weight, talent* — does that not sound literal?). Do not the words mean what they say? Of course they do!

I am safe in estimating the weight of the hail at 115 pounds. Turn to a Table of Ancient Weights and Measures and you will discover that the Jewish talent for silver weight, was about 115 pounds. For weighing other things, a talent was approximately 135 pounds. The weight of the Egyptian and Greek talent was 86 pounds. Some say that the Attic talent was 56 pounds, and a talent which was used at Antioch weighed about 390 pounds.

Other Hail Storms

We do not know and cannot say which one of these are meant in the prophecy, but by taking the average of all of them, we have a weight equal to what a strong man could lift. Hail stones, even a pound in weight, are terribly destructive. But this passage suggests stones as large as blocks of ice which, as previously indicated, are cut out of rivers in winter, or manufactured and delivered by wagons through the streets of our cities.

Coming events cast their shadows before them. In October 1831, people of Europe were awakened from sleep to discover hail stones falling in lumps of ice as large as a man's foot, first singly and then like a thick shower, which destroyed everything contacted. It is reported that some stones picked up a half hour later, weighed over a pound. Vineyards were destroyed, people and animals killed or wounded, and property damage incalculable.

In 1923, near Riga, hail stones weighing from one to two pounds killed 23 people and many cattle. Most of those killed were peasants, who ran into the fields trying to save their cattle. At Au Beglin, Switzerland, hail stones fell as large as phonograph records.

In Northern Transvall, Africa, some weeks ago, an enormous black cloud drifted over the section, and three inches of rain fell within a few minutes. This was followed by hail stones, some of which were said to be about the size of a coconut, Many natives were killed, hundreds made homeless, livestock and crops destroyed. Hail stones piled up to a depth of three feet in some places.

From Joplin, Missouri, comes a United Press report, saying that roofing companies surveyed suburban districts and estimated a total of $500,000 damages resulting from a hail storm, in which chunks of ice as large as base balls pelted the community. Some stones crashed through roofs and damaged interior furnishings in dwellings. Many people were left homeless. Advices from the surrounding territory reported hail and electrical storms.

Yes, my friends, God's final air raid is coming. A gigantic hail storm is approaching. The weather is bad. Tribulation days are ahead. Flee from the wrath to come. Jesus Christ is the world's only hope. Call now and be saved before it is too late.

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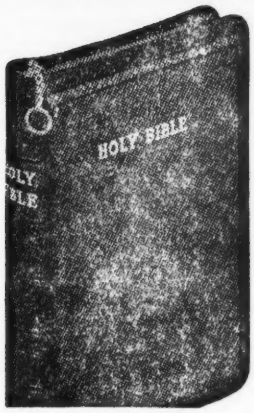

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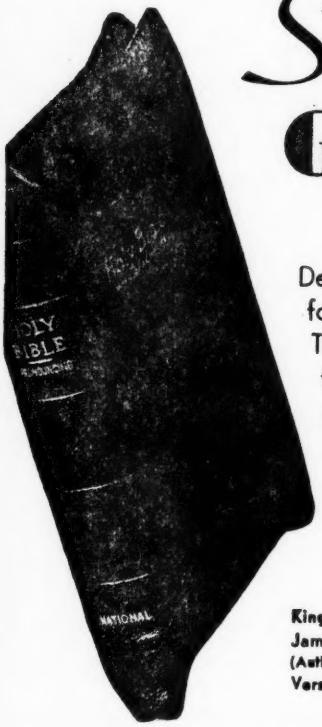

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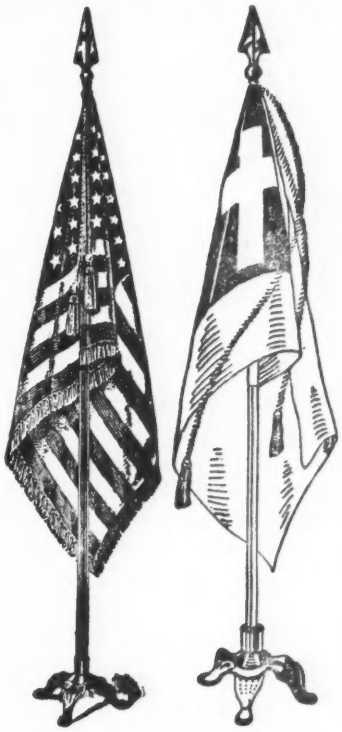

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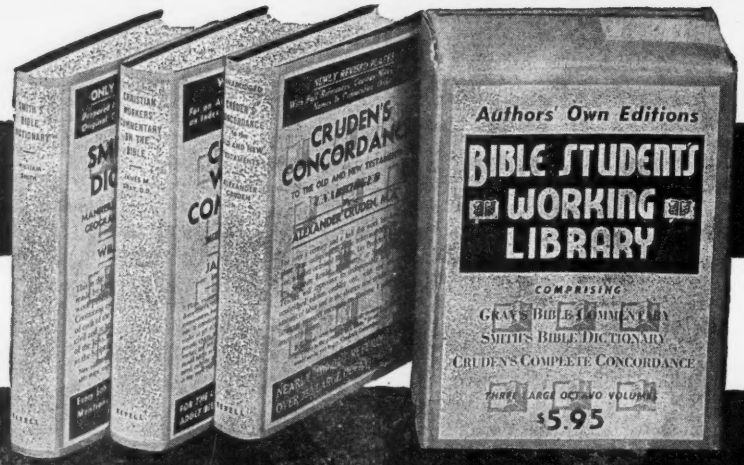

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